

## FOR GOD.

**Grandest Event in the Catholic History of Pewee Valley.**

**Cornerstone Laying of Handsome Church On Sunday, June 22.**

**Bishop O'Donoghue and Many Priests Will Conduct Ceremonies.**

## FATHER BOES' WORK SHOWS

One of the grandest events in the history of Pewee Valley and the missions connected therewith, but especially those of the Catholic faith, will take place there on Sunday, June 22, when the cornerstone of the new St. Aloysius church will be blessed and laid by the Right Rev. Louis O'Donoghue, Bishop of Louisville, with the most solemn but beautiful ceremony. The present St. Aloysius church and parish, situated at Rollington, about a mile back of Pewee, was organized forty-two years ago, since when its steady and continued growth has reached such dimensions as to render absolutely necessary the building of a larger and more commodious church and change of locality to Pewee in order to accommodate and serve the many Catholics living along the railroad.

For the past nine years the zealous and energetic pastor, Rev. Father Edward W. Boes, has labored in season and out of season to build up the parish. By his hard work and uniform kindness to all he has succeeded, and today the congregation and people are looking forward with pride to the time when they can gather in their handsome new house of worship. It is with great delight and joy that the Catholics of that section look back to the many festive events in the old church. Never before in the history of the parish had they such solemnities as when at Christmas, Easter, Forty Hours and the first holy communion of the children Father Boes worked unceasingly and under almost unsurmountable obstacles to beautify and decorate the little edifice.

By his kindness and gentleness Father Boes has won the love and respect of all who have known him. That of the non-Catholics as well. Small wonder then, when the subject of a new church in a more convenient locality was broached, that he was enthusiastically and generously seconded and assisted by Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Therefore it is that Sunday, June 22, will mark the second step of procuring the new church, when the cornerstone will be blessed and laid. The foundation was finished last fall, and the work of completion will be forwarded as rapidly as possible. The new church, which will be Gothic in style and built entirely of stone from plans drawn by C. A. Curtin, the well known Louisville architect, who has erected a number of the finest church edifices in this section of the country.

The day's ceremonies will begin at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, when Father Boes will celebrate a solemn high mass, assisted by Rev. Engelbert Schmitt, a former pastor, as deacon, and Rev. Francis O'Connor as subdeacon, in thanksgiving and also for the benefactors of the new church. The music will be furnished by members of the Concordia Singing Society of Louisville, who will sing the mass and also at the laying of the cornerstone in the afternoon. The mass will be followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Bishop O'Donoghue will bless and place the cornerstone, assisted by Rev. Daniel O'Sullivan, of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, as deacon, and Rev. Patrick Walsh, pastor of the Sacred Heart church, as subdeacon. The Rev. Patrick Monaghan, Secretary of the Bishop, and Rev. John D. Kahaner, of St. Columba church, will act as masters of ceremonies, and the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Charles P. Raffo, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo.

The many friends of Father Boes no doubt will be glad to hear of the progress his new church has made, and the pastor and his people hope to see and welcome them to Pewee Valley on that day. The ride on the interurban is most delightful and nothing could be more exhilarating than a day spent in the country at this time of the year. Cars will leave Louisville every half hour from the station on Jefferson street, near Third, arriving at Pewee an hour later, all stopping at the church property.

## TRINITY COUNCIL.

Monday night Trinity Council hall was packed with members, attracted to the meeting by the election of delegates to the Atlantic Jurisdiction Grand Council convention and the "smoker" that followed. When the votes were counted President W. K. Ecker, James B. Kelly, Edward Mueller and Dan J. Hennessey were declared elected delegates to the Pittsburgh convention, which will be held next August. Trinity's representatives have had much experience at former Supreme and Grand Council conventions and will doubtless prove a potent factor in the deliberations of the Pittsburgh gather-

ing. The "smoker" proved most enjoyable and gave time for some interesting short talks. Manager Schweinback's report of the prospects for the success of Trinity's baseball team in the Public Park League aroused much enthusiasm, and as a result, Clem Ellett, manager of the good-sized band of rosters. President Ecker reported a decrease of two on the sick list, the other two being on the road to recovery.

## FATHER ROBERT CRANEY.

This Saturday the Rev. Father Robert Craney, pastor of St. Cecilia's church, will celebrate the twenty-eighth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Craney was born, baptized, received his first holy communion and was educated and ordained in Louisville. Following his ordination by Bishop McCloskey at the Cathedral on June 14, 1885, he was stationed in the country for one year, when he was appointed assistant at St. Patrick's, this city. Eighteen months later Father Craney was given the pastorate at Morganfield, and here he labored successfully for twenty-four years, winning the confidence and esteem of people of all denominations in that section of Kentucky. Upon the death of the late Father Brady the Right Rev. Bishop O'Donoghue transferred Father Craney to St. Cecilia's, where he has won the hearts of the congregation. On Sunday morning at the 6 o'clock mass the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Cecilia's parish will receive holy communion in a body in honor of the good priest whose work they would make light.

## UNEXPECTED BLOWOUT.

M. J. McDermott, the genial Councilman from the Ninth ward, was given the surprise of his life last Sunday morning and one that has caused him to refuse accepting cigars even from his friends. Aside from his regular duties of helping to govern the city Mike acts as a general handy man about the Dominican church, ringing the bells, passing the collection box, usher, etc., and while standing at the door last Sunday was given a cigar by a gentleman entering the church, which he accepted in good faith, thinking that he was being repaid for finding a good seat for the giver at some time in the past. During the sermon Councilman Mike sneaked into the sexton's office for a quiet smoke, and about two minutes later, following a loud explosion, the smoker makes a hurried exit followed by a cloud of smoke, the presented cigar being very much loaded. Mike is now looking for the giver with a club.

## ST. LEO'S SCHOOL.

A pleasant entertainment was given in St. Leo's Hall at Highland Park at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, when the closing exercises of the parochial school will take place. The programme will include recitations, addresses, duets, recitations and the comedy drama, "We'll Meet the Enemy at New York." In four scenes. Those who will take part are E. Johnson, D. Fearington, F. Hays, C. Kuhn, F. Johnson, C. Fearington, R. Fearington, J. Belsler, W. Belsler, C. Breen, J. Kaeber, A. Schriener, R. Marcell, A. Mattingly, L. Schwerman, A. Schulties, A. Kustes and Miss Marcella Kustes, who will preside at the piano.

## EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The reports at hand indicate that the attendance at the tenth annual convention of the Catholic Educational Association, to be held at New Orleans on June 30 to July 3, will be very satisfactory. Prominent Catholic educators from all parts of the country have signified their intention of being present, and are expected that at least ten Bishops will attend the sessions. The convention will be opened with Pontifical mass, which will be celebrated in Mater Dolorosa church. Archbishop Blenk will give the address at the mass. All the sessions will be held in the halls of the Benjamin Franklin University, and the public meeting will be held in the central district of the city. The meeting of the Provincials of religious communities of Sisters or their representatives, which will be held under the direction of Archbishop Blenk, promises to be very well attended. This is the second meeting of this kind that has been held, the first one having taken place at Pittsburgh, under the direction of Bishop Canevin.

## THERE IS DOUBT.

The Chicago Tribune's Rome correspondent cables that if the Pope's health continues good and he can stand the June heat, which is exceptional just now, it is probable that a consistory will be held within a week or a fortnight. So far the candidates for the red hat number only three, and they are all Italians. It is likely, however, that at the eleventh hour two more Italian prelates will be made Cardinals, so that the proportion of Italian and foreign members of the Sacred College will be thirty-seven Italians to twenty-seven foreigners.

## SHORT MEETING.

Very little was done in addition to routine business at the meeting of Division 4, A. O. H., on Monday evening, and President John Henry called on several of the members for short talks, among them being S. J. McElliot, John J. Score, Michael Doyle and others, their remarks pertaining to the good of the order, all urging perfect harmony and unity among the members. Patrick McGuire was reported as able to return home from St. Mary and Elizabeth's Hospital, where he had been confined with an injured foot.

## DUPED.

**Orangemen Will Soon Discover Cowardice of Their Leaders.**

**Carson and Londonderry Will Not Take Any Personal Risk.**

**Home Rule the Great Iron Bond That Keeps Liberals in Power.**

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN QUESTION

Following a week of thrills and another narrowly averted defeat for the Government, the political situation is thus stated by a London correspondent:

Ever since Sir Edward Carson and the Duke of Abercorn returned to London from their visit to Belfast, a couple of weeks ago, we have been told by the Tory press that Ulster is more determined than ever to prove her loyalty to the King and the British constitution by refusing to obey the home rule law if it be passed by Parliament and signed by the King. Sir Edward Carson has submitted to daily interviews in which he, however, has been very careful to avoid giving a direct answer to the question if he has been and is advising the Orangemen to resist the Government arms in hand. The arrested suffragettes have too often called attention to his former incendiary speeches, and Sir Edward does not believe in taking any personal risks which might land him in a prison cell, from which not even hunger striking might release him.

"I can not say anything about the probability of armed resistance in Ulster," he said a few days ago. "I do not think the people have formed any definite opinion as to that. They still hope something may happen to defeat the bill, to defeat the Government."

At the same time the whole anti-home rule movement in the country is emphasizing in varying ways that the democrats of Ulster and Belfast are determined to fight to the last drop of blood, but that this impulse comes entirely from the masses, and that the leaders, Sir Edward Carson and the Marquis of Londonderry, are doing their utmost to calm them and persuade them to abstain from illegal acts, though with scant hopes for their passionate followers will listen to their advice. By these new press tactics two things are accomplished: The leaders, who first kindled the fires of passion by their incendiary speeches, are relieved of all responsibility in case the worst should happen. They will no longer be in danger of an indictment for high treason, and at the same time the English voters are told that the "Loyalists" of Ulster are as determined to resist force by force. Among statesmen who are in favor of home rule for Ireland there is no doubt that before long the Orangemen will discover that the new course of their leaders is dictated by mere cowardice; that they are now doing everything to evade responsibility and when this is realized in Ulster it will not be very safe for either Sir Carson or the noble Marquis of Londonderry to show their faces in Belfast again, for Orangemen are at least Irish enough not to enjoy playing the parts of dupes.

Hon. T. P. O'Connor, M. P., cabled last Saturday that it is with enormous relief that all sections of the coalition foresee the resumption of the home rule fight next Monday. Home rule remains the one great iron bond that keeps them all together, and also secures a full attendance of all supporters of the Government, and finally that helps the Government raise to a passionate fight for great principles out of the slough of despond into which the miserable Marconi business has thrown it. Indeed even the approach of the renewal of the home rule struggle has already proved as effective to the Liberals as a tonic. Carson and other Orange leaders having proclaimed their intention to address five great demonstrations in England and Scotland, the Liberals and the Irish have immediately taken up the challenge and will hold meetings immediately afterward in the self-same towns.

Redmond, Dillon, Devlin and myself have been invited to address these gatherings, in company with Cabinet Ministers and leading Liberals, and we feel certain that in each city we shall have bigger meetings and greater enthusiasm than our Orange opponents. We shall also be able to show that Orangemen, while calling for religious liberty, permit no such liberty to the unfortunate Catholics, and the Liberals of Belfast, 2,000 of whom were driven by force out of the Belfast shipyards last year.

The present prospect is that the supporters of the Government, who were worn out by the incessant demands upon them, will be given six months of complete Parliamentary rest, and that in the autumn a vigorous land and home rule campaign will undo some of the evil effects of the Marconi revelations.

## RECEIVES BISHOP SCHREMS.

Pope Pius last Sunday received in private audience the Right Rev. Joseph Schrems, Bishop of Toledo, Ohio, and entertained him at length

in cordial conversation. His Holiness also presented Bishop Schrems with a costly and artistic reliquary containing a relic of St. Hyacinth for the Cathedral at Toledo. To the Bishop the Pope expressed the greatest confidence in the faithfulness of the United States and for the progress of the church in that country.

## COMING EVENTS.

In response to many requests, the Kentucky Irish American will publish from time to time for the convenience of all concerned a list of coming church or society entertainments, in order to avoid unintentional opposition by those contemplating selecting an entertainment date.

Holy Cross church—Candy pulling, Saturday evening, June 14.

Catholic Knights of America—Picnic at Phoenix Hill Park, Monday, June 16.

St. Patrick's church—All day outing at Spring Bank Park, Tuesday, June 17.

St. Louis Bertrand's church—Lawn fete, June 18-19.

St. M. and E. Hospital—Lawn fete, June 23, 24, 25.

Young Men's Social Club—Picnic at Scheller's Park, June 24.

St. Ann's church—Lawn fete on church grounds, Wednesday and Thursday, July 9 and 10.

Hibernian Social Club—Moonlight excursion, Monday, July 14.

Trinity Council—Picnic, Phoenix Hill Park, July 15.

Retail Grocers—Picnic at Fontaine Ferry Park, July 24.

Mackin Council, Y. M. I.—Outing at Stower's Grove, July 24.

St. Leo's church—Picnic on church grounds August 6.

## CATHOLIC KNIGHTS' REUNION.

There will be a great Catholic reunion Monday night at Phoenix Hill Park under the auspices of the Catholic Knights of America, who look for an attendance that will reach into the thousands. For the past two weeks committees have been arranging for this event, and nothing will be left undone that would add pleasure to the occasion. The Central Committee, through President John Schmitt, and Secretary Ben Kruse, invite the Y. M. I., Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Knights and Ladies, Knights of St. John, Columbia Athletic Club and other societies to take part in this reunion. Great refreshments will be served, and the program will include the latest musical productions. The big hall will be reserved for the dancers, while out in the park there will be an abundance of refreshments and several special attractions. This will afford an excellent opportunity for all to meet and renew friendships formed in bygone days.

## PRIEST'S SILVER JUBILEE.

Rev. Father H. J. Rothwell, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi church on the Bardstown road, will on June 20 celebrate the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. For this happy event the congregation is making elaborate preparation and the festivities will continue three days. A feature will be the musical programme arranged by Miss Gertrude Veeman, the organist, and a choir of forty voices under the direction of Prof. Nic Hubbuck.

## HISTORIC ST. CATHERINE'S.

Beneath clear skies and in the presence of scores of friends of the institution the commencement exercises were held Tuesday morning in the auditorium of St. Catherine's Academy, two miles west of Springfield. This was the ninety-first commencement of this historic girls' school conducted by the Dominicans, and like its predecessors was greatly enjoyed by those in attendance. The programme consisted of recitations, vocal and instrumental musical selections and a clever little play presented by the students. The music was especially good. Eight young women composed the graduation class, three in the academic department and five in the commercial. The graduates are as follows: Academic, Misses Florence Frances Morrissey, Mary Carolyn Newton and Leora Fay Sutherland; commercial, Marguerite Elizabeth Bennett, Elsa Elizabeth Edelen, Helen Ornla Osborn, Myrtle Josephine Score and Evelyn Marie Smith.

## HAPPILY WEDDED.

Patrick J. Lally, of this city, and Miss Elizabeth Waters, one of Franklin's fairest daughters, were united in marriage with a nuptial mass at the Church of the Good Shepherd in that city on Wednesday morning. The Rev. Father Joseph Flynn performing the ceremony. The attendants were Miss Mary Joe Waters, sister of the bride, and Dan Meagher. Following the ceremony the happy couple were showered with congratulations from friends who thronged the church.

## CHAPLAINS VISIT PRESIDENT.

The Congress of the Catholic Chaplains Corps of the army and navy, holding a three-day session in Washington, disposed of Wednesday's business quickly in order that the Chaplains might call at the White House to pay their respects to President Wilson. The object of the gathering was to determine how the scope of the corps' work among the enlisted men may be extended and broadened.

## PROGRESSIVES

**Now Arranging For Their Rehearsed Call For Axton For Mayor.**

**Bingham Buttons Now a Cheap Commodity From Certain Fusion Leaders.**

**Real Enthusiasm Manifested at the Different Democratic Ward Meetings.**

## KNIGHT AND SCHULMAN WINNERS

The announcement of leaders in the Bingham campaign for Mayor, published in the Kentucky Irish American last Saturday morning, must have caused quite a flurry in the camp of the "down and outers" who wanted Bingham, as the Judge announced his withdrawal at noon, and the gentlemen who are aspiring to hold municipal offices will have to do a better job, in plain parlance find some other cat's paw who is willing to attempt to pull their chestnuts out of the fire. In the meantime those making a collection of campaign buttons might apply to Dave Rose, Col. Haager and Scott Newman, who have an abundant supply of Bingham buttons left over from their little canvass. True friends of Judge Bingham congratulate him on his stand and hope to see him on the stump for the Democratic ticket, which promises to be the strongest municipal ticket nominated in years.

The Progressives, led by the Herald, are now simulating enthusiasm in the interest of Wood Axton for Mayor and at the proper time will present him a petition signed by 'teen names urging him to come forward and save the city, while Mr. Axton will blush modestly and accept. He has been using all his endeavors as head of the Progressive machine to see that no one else received the same call to run for Mayor, and all the time the Herald is loudly berating what they term the "Democratic machine," while there never has been a meeting of the Progressives in the Watterson Hotel that has not been dominated by the Axton-Vance-Clark combination, the great common people, whom they claim to be representing, not being able to break in with an axe. Talk about smooth working political machines!

## THE VOTE.

The vote if some one outside of the Watterson Hotel select circle aspires for the nomination in the primary against the choice of the leaders.

For real enthusiasm attend some of the Democratic meetings which are being held in every ward of the city. The nucleus of a splendid working organization for the November election will be the result. The different candidates where there are contests have shown a friendly spirit with one or two exceptions and all will be in line to support their successful rivals after the primary. Dr. Charles Moir, who was a candidate for Alderman, announces his withdrawal on account of the pressure of business, but states that he will find time after the primary to devote some of his energies in electing the Democratic ticket. The principal contesting races are those of County Judge with Murr Weissinger, Sam Greene and Hugh B. Fleecie in the field; County Assessor with George Schlegel, Al Emmer, Joe Timmons and Frank Schuster against the Police Court with Will Holley, Harry Neban, Joe Keyer, Alf Oldham and Carl Senning running; County Jailor with John R. Pfanz and Charles Foster contesting; and Coroner with Dr. Ellis Duncan, Dr. Harry E. Mechleng and Dr. Charles Russman in a three-cornered contest. A late entry in the race for Magistrate is Ben Schulman, present Councilman, who aspires to that office in the Sixth Magisterial district, composed of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh wards, and Ben's deserved popularity is so sure to land him a winner that his friends have already begun calling him Squire. The same applies to Charles Knight in the Thirty-sixth Senatorial district, he having a tip-top organization working in his interests.

## FEATURE OF INTEREST.

An interesting feature of the grand patriotic celebration upon the Fourth of July will be the award of the prize of \$10 in gold for the best essay not exceeding 250 words in length upon the Declaration of Independence written by the child of a Knight of Columbus. On the Glorious Fourth Louisville Council, Knights of Columbus, will stage in the open air in Central Park an all fresco reproduction of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. The fifty-six delegates, impersonated by prominent members of the council, will be seated upon the stage, which will be a reproduction of the Colonial Hall of Congress. The declaration will be reported to the Congress, read, adopted and signed, and appropriate music will be rendered by the Catholic Choral Union. The prize contest is open to all children of Knights of Columbus in the Falls Cities or in the State of Kentucky whose fathers are members of the order. This also includes the children of deceased members. The essays must be received at the Knights of Columbus home in this city not later than Tuesday, July 1, marked with the name of the author and his or her father, also the age of the former, the name of

the council to which the latter belongs and the school which the writer attends. The judges of the contest will be selected from the membership of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and announced later. The winning essay will be read from the stage during the celebration and the picture of the winner will be a feature of the moving picture film made to commemorate the occasion.

## MACKIN COUNCIL.

For the large attendance at Monday night's meeting of Mackin Council the proceedings were full of interest. Frank Adams, the President, occupied the chair and announced that James Caine and Raymond Riddle were recovering from their illness. All members were urged to be present next Monday night to hear the lecture to be delivered by the Rev. Father Francis O'Neill, the eloquent Dominican missionary from St. Louis Bertrand's. The Social Club reported that the programme for the free outing at Stower's Grove on July 24 was nearly completed, and would include field contests and races for young and old and an abundance of refreshments without cost. Chairman James Shelley reported that \$1,000 had been pledged the new building fund. After members had been urged to take more interest in this project many expressed themselves in favor of holding a bazaar this fall to swell the fund. For the benefit of the tennis players it was voted that a special committee have authority to improve and keep the court in condition for use during the tennis season.

## LADIES WILL ASSIST.

An enthusiastic meeting of friends of St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital was held Wednesday night in the interest of the three days' lawn fete to be given for the benefit of the institution on June 23, 24 and 25. Encouraging reports were received and everything now points to the largest and most successful lawn fete ever held in Kentucky. There will be many handsome booths provided over by ladies from all sections of the city. Among those who will be met at these booths are Messrs. James P. Whalen, Frank McGrath, Bernard Jansing, John Buschenger, Eugene Wellington, Thomas Keenan, George Berry, B. Jordan, J. Cronin, W. T. Meehan, Drake, Scanlon, Peter S. Ganz, Miller, John Caffrey, Dan Dougherty, H. Reeder, Steve McElliot, Phil Erwin, Annie C. Frey, Thomas Tarry, P. H. Callahan and Wagner, and Misses Mollie Curran, B. Noland, Kate Russell, L. Smith, Mary Rose, Emma Fisher, Katherine Fallahay, Hannah Nagle and Foose. Another meeting will be held next week, when reports will be made by the different committees.

## OPEN AIR FETE.

A great open air concert will be given on the grounds of St. Michael's church, 220 Brook street, next Wednesday night. The lawn will be brilliantly illuminated with numerous electric lights and Japanese lanterns. Quite a number of picked singers of the city will assist St. Michael's choir, which will render a splendid programme under the direction of John Recktenwald. After the concert there will be a pleasant social in St. Michael's Hall, where ice cream, soft drinks and other refreshments will be served. The pastor, Rev. Martin O'Connor, cordially invites the public to attend.

## CENTRAL VEREIN.

The German Catholic State Leagues of Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri have appropriated stipends and agreed to send representatives to the social study course arranged by the Central Verein, through its central bureau, to be held at Spring Bank, Wis. Other State leagues will undoubtedly follow this example and add their own representation, through these fellowships, to the number of priests and laymen who will attend either the course at Spring Bank or the one to be held at Mount Maunabo, Staten Island. Both these courses will be conducted under the auspices of the Central Verein during the last week in August. Lectures will be delivered by Rev. William J. Engelen, S. J., St. John's College, Toledo, Ohio; Rev. Joseph Jusselyn, S. J., associate editor of America; Rev. Joseph Mackel, S. J., Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. Fred Seidenburg, S. J., and other men of national repute.

## GREAT AIR FEATS.

The St. James Bell Club announces a lawn fete on Wednesday, July 23, to be held on the church grounds, Bardstown road and Eden-side avenue. Chairman Edward C. Kelly has arranged two exciting air feats, which will consist of a balloon race and paracats leap from the clouds between the Rite brothers, of New York, and the Barton brothers, of Chicago. There will be numerous other attractions and the club hopes to realize a goodly sum for the bell fund for the new St. James church that will be dedicated this fall.

## "PLAY BALL."

Apart from the splendid feats performed at our baseball parks, which charm the eye and entrance the mind, there are many advantages gleaned from the games that should not be passed over in silence. At baseball men forget their cares; the intellectual rest their brains; the unhealthy are refreshed by copious draughts of fresh air. For a while men get away from themselves in happy and necessary thoughtlessness. All these things are an ingredient in our civilization for which we should thank the man of the bat and ball.

## MISSIONS.

**Church Restores to Religious Service Historic Texas Centers.**

**Bishop Shaw Plans the Rehabilitation of Splendid Edifices.**

**Missions That Were Founded Early in Seventeenth Century.**

## HONORING THE HEROIC DEAD

The ancient Franciscan missions of the Southwest, prototypes of an architecture which has spread all over the world, famous in history, are being reopened for active service in the field of religion. The Right Rev. J. W. Shaw, Bishop of the San Antonio diocese, presided recently at the formal inauguration of the head of one of the restored missions. "I want it distinctly understood," said the Bishop, "that in this work of rehabilitation I shall not modernize these splendid edifices, the exteriors will not be changed at all and the interiors will only be made suitable for use, just as they were when first built. Thus in honoring the heroic dead we shall also preserve the monuments to their faith in God, which they erected with so much toil and sacrifice."

The first ancient structure to receive the touches of rehabilitation is the Mission Purisima Concepcion, two miles south of San Antonio. The Very Rev. James M. Kirwin, of Galveston, who delivered a sermon on the subject of this mission, brought to public notice an interesting legend concerning the edifice. It relates to the immaculate conception and is to the effect that the church was built with mortar mixed with milk in order to make an impression upon the simple minds of the Indian laborers.

"Just when this mission of Purisima Concepcion was erected," Father Kirwin said, "is a matter of doubt. We find the record of 1716 and the conflicting statement of 1721. A full century and more before the Church Catholic formally proclaimed the dogma of the immaculate conception here on the Texas prairies to their Indian neophytes they had taught the dogma and had erected their own edifice in the region of this magnificent chapel. Their simple pious descendants know of the passing of the venerable Antonio Marcell, O. F. M., who just two centuries ago exercised his beneficent and heroic labors from the border to Natchitoches in Louisiana and from Nacogdoches to San Antonio, and who, miraculously transported by the arms of God across a great river, has left the memory of the special favor in the name that another stream bears even to this day, Brazos de Dios."

It is expected the work of restoring the dilapidated building will be finished in a few months. As soon as it is completed regular services will be held in the ancient edifice. Adjoining the mission is a small community of Mexicans who will chiefly compose its congregation. The other missions to be rehabilitated under this general plan which Bishop Shaw has adopted are the San Antonio Valero, founded in 1718, and situated in the heart of the little Mexican community of San Francisco, first settled by Indians belonging to the Vano and other tribes; San Jose de Aguayo, founded in 1720, adjoining which there is also a small Mexican village; San Juan Capistrano, founded in 1716, and San Francisco de la Estada, founded in 1716.

All these missions are situated on the San Antonio river and are two or three miles apart. They are of picturesque architecture, much of the exterior and interior decorative work being still in a splendid state of preservation. According to tradition, the best artists and sculptors of Spain were brought here to work on these buildings.

## COMMENCEMENT.

Next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock the graduation exercises of the Ursuline Academy, Shelby and Chestnut streets, will be held in St. Martin's Hall, when a most carefully arranged and artistic programme will be rendered. In the academic course there are five graduates—Misses Margaret J. Dugan, Agnes E. Thome, Teresa A. Feldman, Helen A. Scherer and Margaret B. Gode. The sub-graduates are Misses Marie E. Stevenson, Ottilia M. Schwartz and Doris A. Merz. Miss Mechtild Ruhl will graduate in the music course, the sub-graduate being Misses Mary Louise Fleck and Helen Miller.

## DELEGATES TO PITTSBURGH.

Delegates to the Atlantic Jurisdiction convention of the Young Men's Institute, to be held at Pittsburgh next August, were chosen Monday night by Mackin Council. Sixteen were placed in nomination for the honor, and after an interesting contest the following five were declared elected: Rev. Francis Felten, Charles S. Ralby, George J. Thornton, Robert T. Burke, James T. Shelley and Louis Kieffer. Sixteen men have been long identified with the Y. M. I. and will add strength to the convention, which will be important and is looked forward to with much interest.